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In re application of

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SOLID STATE IMAGE SENSOR HAVING PLANARIZED STRUCTURE UNDER LIGHT SHIELDING METAL LAYER

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

April 5, 2006

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of January 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.